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Dear Neighbor,

As your representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the past nine years, I care deeply Milwaukee County, especially our communities in Bay View and the Garden District. It is my great honor and pleasure to serve you.

Through all the changes through the years, one constant is that ever-growing amount of tax dollars sent to the state grows. All the while, we get less and less each year to cover the services our we count on and deserve.

To that turn that around, local elected officials and prominent community leaders on the Fair Deal for Milwaukee County, which would allow us to hold a binding election on property tax relief and new revenue for local government services. The Fair Deal is a win-win for Milwaukee County citizens and taxpayers. Please join us in urging your elected representatives in Madison for their support of the Fair Deal.

As always, I take my role as steward of Milwaukee County's resources very seriously. Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns relating to county government.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Jason Haas, District 14



Supervisor Haas speaks before the Milwaukee County Board.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Bay View Dads
- Bay View Historical Society
- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Friends of Mitchell Airport Park
- Friends of Morgan Park
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Humboldt Park Friends
- Milwaukee County Historical Society
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association
- Wilson Park Neighborhood Association
- Wilson Senior Center



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Supervisors Jason Haas, Steven Shea, and Marina Dimitrijevic celebrate the passage of a resolution calling on parks to create a pest management plan to curb pesticide use on county lands.

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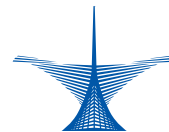
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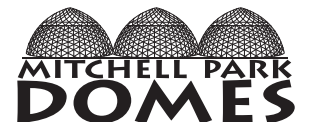
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A Fair Deal for Milwaukee County

Milwaukee County has been forced to delay necessary maintenance in our parks and facilities and put off important investments in public infrastructure and popular cultural venues for far too long. Deep budget cuts have threatened public services that our county depends on every day.



Therefore, Milwaukee County leaders have joined together with business and community leaders to propose a Fair Deal for Milwaukee County. The Fair Deal proposal would create a new partnership with the State of Wisconsin to protect public services and invest in our future.

The Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Workgroup brought together a diverse group of stakeholders – from community advocates to business interests – who all share one thing in common: they each understand the importance of the services that local government provides and are committed to being part of a solution.

Members of the workgroup, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, which is made up of every executive from Milwaukee County's 19 municipalities, each unanimously approved this set of recommendations. These proposals are an important step in creating a strong and united voice for Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee County collects revenue through a variety of sources, such as property taxes and user fees. Much of the tax revenue collected by Milwaukee County is sent to the State of Wisconsin. Some of the tax revenue sent to Madison comes back to Milwaukee County to help fund state-mandated and other services. How much comes back to Milwaukee County as “shared revenue” is determined by a well-intentioned formula that has produced unintended consequences.

In 2009 Milwaukee County sent about \$2.1 billion in tax revenue to the state. By 2015 (the most recent year for which data is available), the total amount of revenue Milwaukee County collected and sent to Madison had grown to more than \$2.5 billion.

Milwaukee County is now sending at least \$400 million dollars more each year to the state than it did in 2009. (The number is likely closer to \$500 million, although State of Wisconsin data isn't available after 2015.)

Despite this massive increase in Milwaukee County revenue going to the state, very little of that additional revenue came back to Milwaukee County. We need a fair deal!!

Domes Task Force Recommendation



Supervisor Haas, along with other members of the County Board, listening to Domes Task Force Chairman Bill Lynch discuss the task force recommendation.

The Milwaukee County Board held a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 18, 2019 at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (Domes). At the meeting the Mitchell Park Domes Task Force recommended a \$66M renovation and expansion. The expansion would also lead to about 300 new jobs, the plan stated. “It presents such an exciting and innovative proposal for making Mitchell Park and the Domes a so much more vital part of the community,” chairman of the task force Bill Lynch said. The recommendation will need approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.



2019 Senior Statesman Program

14th District constituent Maureen Conrad was recognized at the April 2019 County Board meeting for participating in the Department on Aging Senior Statesman Program. Pictured, from left: Supervisor Jason Haas, Maureen Conrad and County Board Chairman Theo Lipscomb, Sr.

Supervisors Raise Pay for Milwaukee County Corrections Officers

Earlier this summer, the Board of Supervisors increased the pay of correctional officers by six and a half percent at the Milwaukee County Jail, the House of Correction (HOC), and youth correctional facilities.

On June 16 wages for correctional offices at all pay grades jumped by more than a dollar an hour. Starting pay increased from \$18.53 to \$19.73 an hour.

The Board of Supervisors increased pay for correctional officers in part to help Milwaukee County's justice facilities recruit and retain staff.

County facilities have struggled with recruitment and retention for many years. This is in large part due to higher starting pay for similar jobs in neighboring counties.

The Board of Supervisors set aside \$500,000 in the 2019 budget for pay increases and asked the Director of Human Resources for recommendations on how to most effectively use the funds to improve recruitment and retention.

As a result of the County Board's effort, pay for corrections officers increased by a total of six and half percent.

For more information about jobs at the House of Correction, please visit **www.hocmke.com** or for information about all correctional officer jobs in Milwaukee County, visit **county.milwaukee.gov/jobs**.



Everyone Counts in the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is rapidly approaching. April 1, 2020 is Census Day and it is important that everyone in Milwaukee County and our state is counted.

The primary purpose of the census, as mandated by the United States Constitution, is to decide the number of representatives each state gets in Congress. The data also helps define districts at the national and state level. Every year, Congress distributes over \$800 billion in funding to states, counties and cities nationwide based on census data. The volume of people in a defined area helps federal officials determine funding distributions for public safety, health, education, transportation, and more. Wisconsin receives approximately \$12.6 billion in federal funding annually based on census data alone.

When you receive your invitation from the U. S. Census Bureau to take part in the census, please complete the brief survey and return it right away. You will have the option to respond online, by mail or telephone.

The Census Bureau is also seeking to hire more 2020 Census workers. To be eligible, you must be 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and email address. To learn more please visit **2020census.gov/jobs**.

Please tell everyone you know about the importance of the census. Wisconsin ranked #1 in the response rate to the 2010 Census survey, and we can do it again with your help.

Wilson Park Improvements



Garden District resident Zeno Wilson will be restoring the Wilson Park gazebo for his Eagle Scout project. Zeno will be removing each of the railings and posts around the gazebo for cleaning, sanding, and painting. Once the gazebo is good shape, he will add fresh mulch and low maintenance plantings. **Volunteer help is welcomed.** Please contact Supervisor Haas' office to learn how. When the work is complete next year, the gazebo will be a beautiful place for all to enjoy.